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FAMILY

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THREE COMMANDMENTS FOR STRONG FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

“That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. 25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. 26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil. 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. 29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.” (Ephesians 4:22-29)

INTRODUCTION

1. PERSONAL

“And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. 18 And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.” (Genesis 2:15, 18)

A. _____ of the Old

“For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.” (Romans 6:5-6)

“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.” (Genesis 2:24)

B. _____ of the Mind

A NEW MIND

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

A NEW LIFE

WAYS TO MAKE THE EXCHANGE

1. Exchange Self-Will for a Surrendered Will to God

“That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.”

(1 Peter 4:2)

2. Exchange Fleshly Desires for Spiritual Desires

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”

(Colossians 3:1-2)

3. Exchange Human Effort for Spiritual Power

“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:”

(2 Peter 1:3)

2. PASSIONATE _____

Quote: “The Ephesians had been recently converted, and were, to a great extent, ignorant of the requirements of the gospel.”

—Albert Barnes

A. Against _____

STOP LYING

Definition: *lying*—any deceit in word, act, attitude, or silence; in deliberate exaggerations, in distortions of the truth, or in creating false impressions

“Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.” (Proverbs 12:22)

SPEAK THE TRUTH

“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:” (Ephesians 4:15)

Quote: “It is better to be divided by truth than to be united in error. It is better to speak the truth that hurts and then heals, than falsehood that comforts and then kills. It is not love and it is not friendship if we fail to declare the whole counsel of God.”—**Adrian Rogers**

“Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.” (Proverbs 27:6)

B. Against _____

Definition: *righteous indignation*—anger at evil and sin

Definition: *sinful anger*—self-defensive and self-serving

“Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.” (Ephesians 4:31)

WAYS RELATIONSHIPS ARE DIVIDED

1. **Bitterness**—to cut or prick
2. **Wrath**—hot passion
3. **Anger**—violent emotion
4. **Clamour**—a crying, outcry, a loud noisy complaining
5. **Evil Speaking**—slander, detraction

“He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.” (Proverbs 17:9)

6. **Malice**—the desire to malign someone’s name, spite

Quote: “Anger is never without a reason, but seldom with a good one.”—**Ben Franklin**

“Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: 25 Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.” (Proverbs 22:24–25)

C. Against _____

“Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;” (Hebrews 12:15)

3. POSITIVE _____

A. The Danger of _____ Communication

Definition: *corrupt*—rotten, putrefied, no longer fit for use

B. The Delight of _____ Communication

Quote: “The mouth and heart are connected. ‘Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh’ (Matthew 12:34). We expect a change in speech when a person becomes a Christian.”—**Warren Wiersbe**

GOOD

“Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.” (Proverbs 8:6)

“Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother’s way.” (Romans 14:13)

“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.” (1 Corinthians 15:33)

EDIFYING

“Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.” (2 Corinthians 13:10)

“Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.” (Proverbs 27:17)

Quote: “Flatter me, and I may not believe you. Criticize me, and I may not like you. Ignore me, and I may not forgive you. Encourage me, and I will not forget you.”—**William Arthur Ward**

GRACEFUL

“Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.” (Colossians 4:6)

Quote: “The remedy is to make sure the heart is full of blessing. So fill the heart with the love of Christ so that only truth and purity can come out of the mouth. Never have to say, ‘Now, take this with a grain of salt.’ Paul told us to put the salt of God’s grace in everything we say.”—**Warren Wiersbe**

CONCLUSION

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,” (Ephesians 5:25-26)



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